Chapter 30: Saiga-Sensei And Kirishima-kun's Ex-Girlfriend

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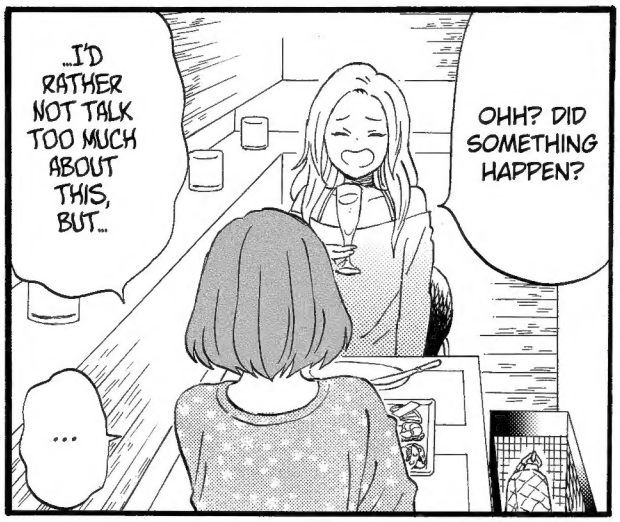
PARCO
SO... WHY ARE YOU STILL PREGNANT?
DIDN'T YOU JUST WANT TO SPOOK HIM A LITTLE?


OHH? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
...I'D RATHER NOT TALK TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS, BUT...
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THAT WAS MY ORIGINAL INTENTION, BUT...
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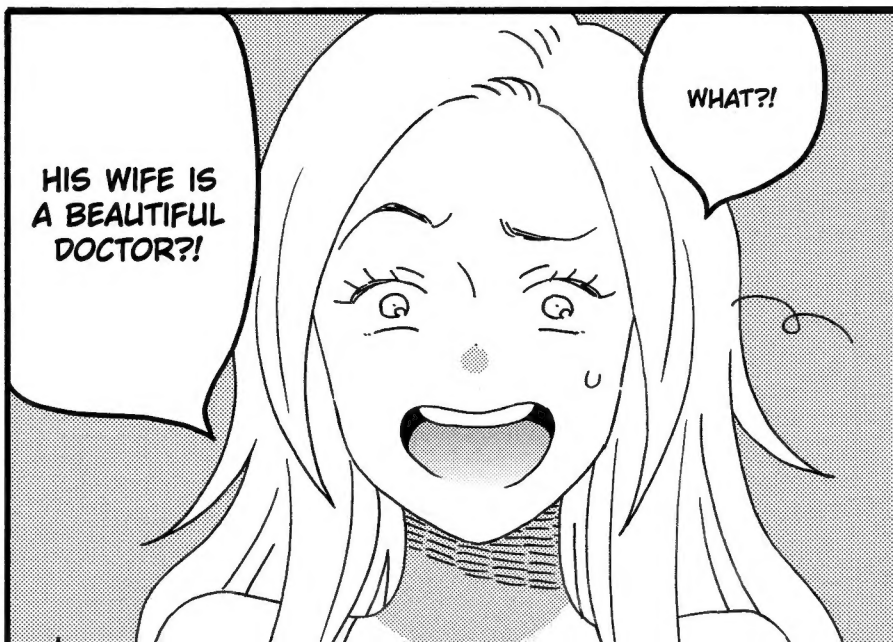
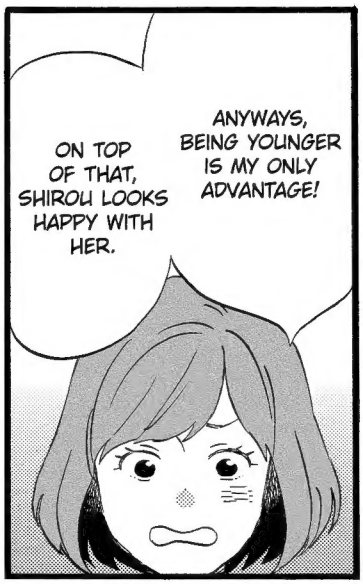
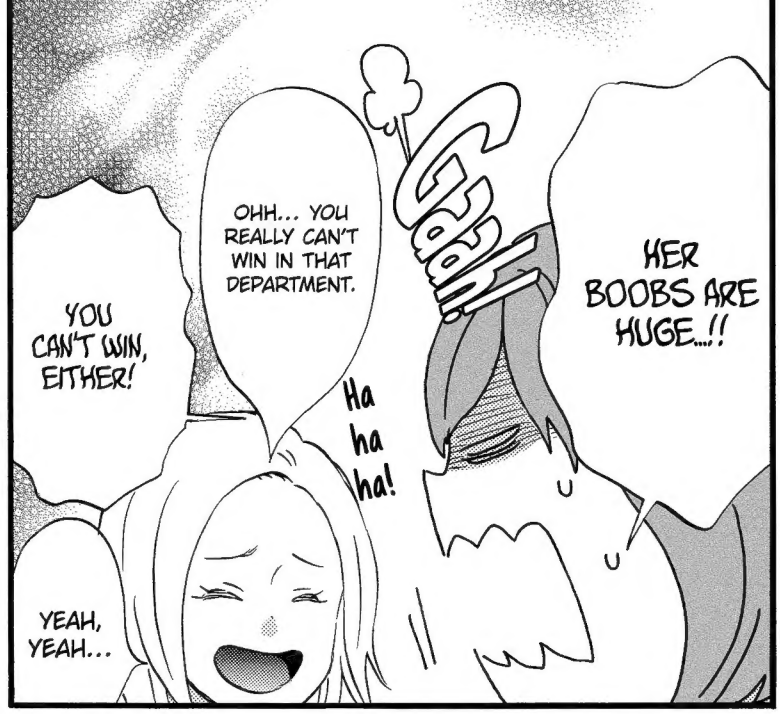
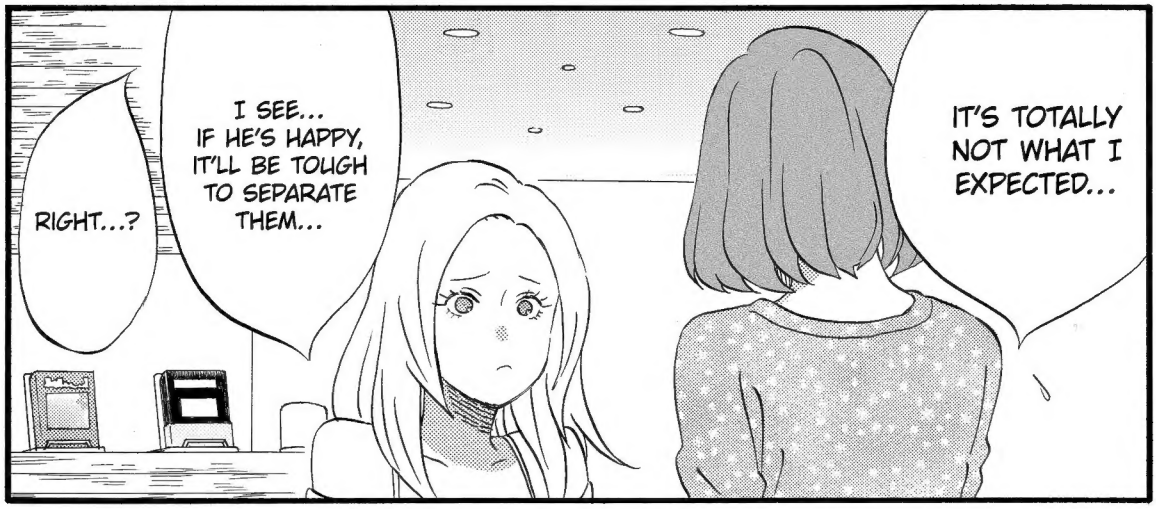
YEAH. SHE'S ALSO REALLY SLENDER. BUT THERE'S MORE...
THERE'S MORE?

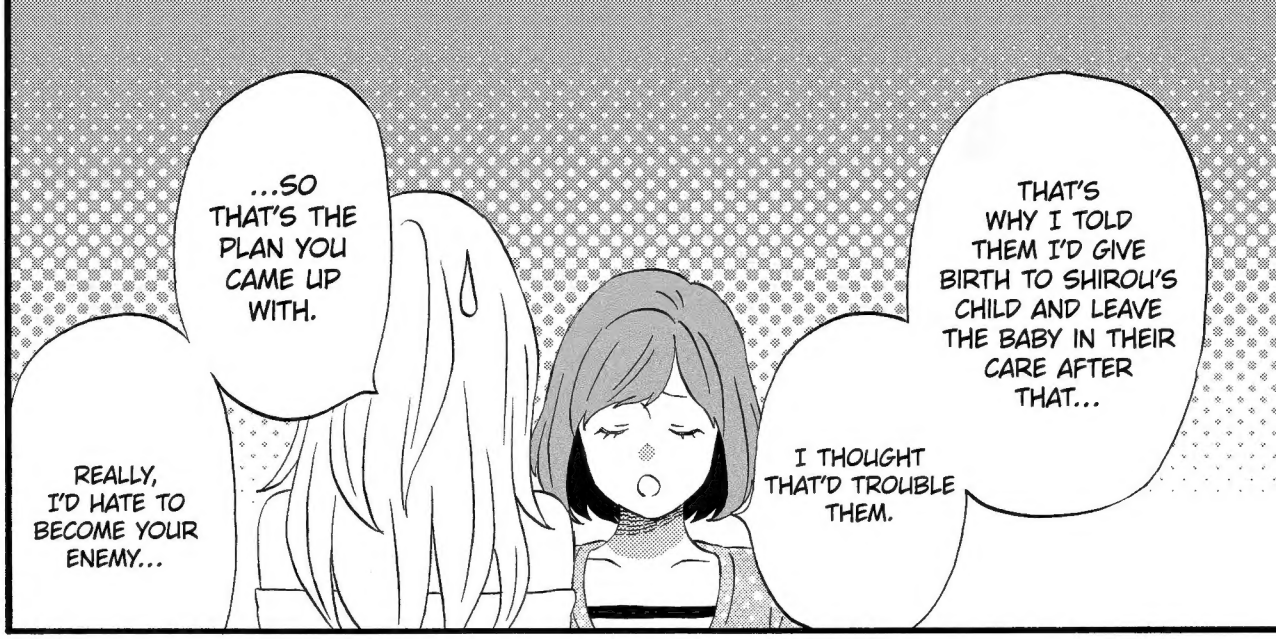

WHAT?!
HIS WIFE IS A BEAUTIFUL DOCTOR?!

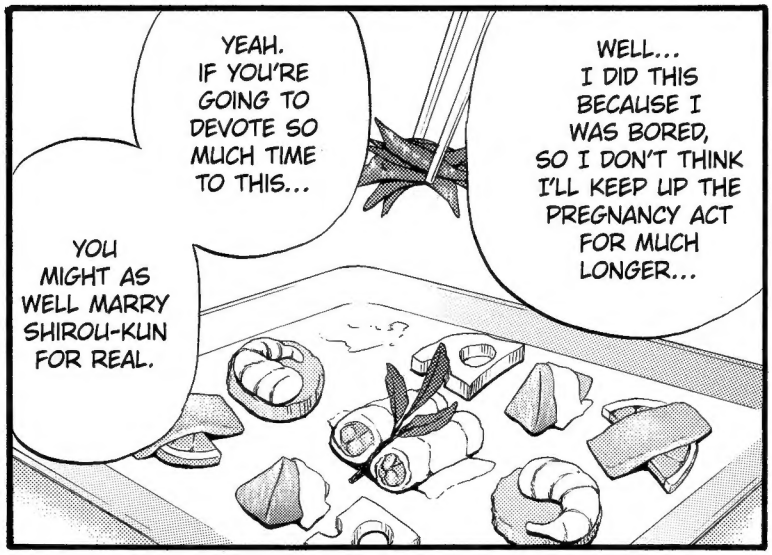

ON TOP OF THAT, SHIROU LOOKS HAPPY WITH HER.
ANYWAYS, BEING YOUNGER IS MY ONLY ADVANTAGE!

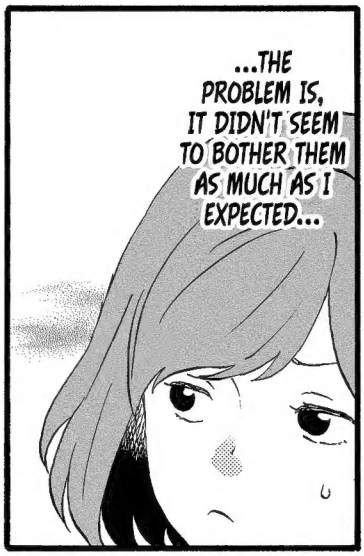

YOU CAN'T WIN, EITHER!
OHH... YOU REALLY CAN'T WIN IN THAT DEPARTMENT.
Gah!
HER BOOBS ARE HUGE...!!
Ha ha ha!
YEAH, YEAH...

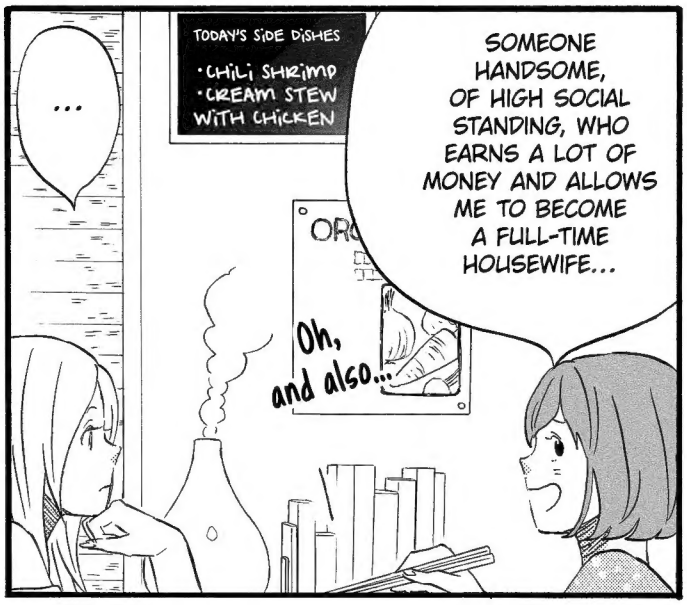

RIGHT...?
I SEE... IF HE'S HAPPY, IT'LL BE TOUGH TO SEPARATE THEM...
IT'S TOTALLY NOT WHAT I EXPECTED...

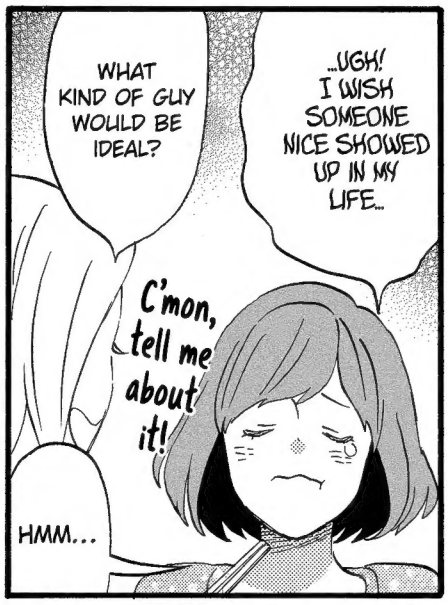
SAE...
BUT WHEN WE WERE DATING, I REALLY FELT I LOVED HIM...
WHEN HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS LAID OFF, IT DID FEEL LIKE I FELL OUT OF LOVE, YOU KNOW?

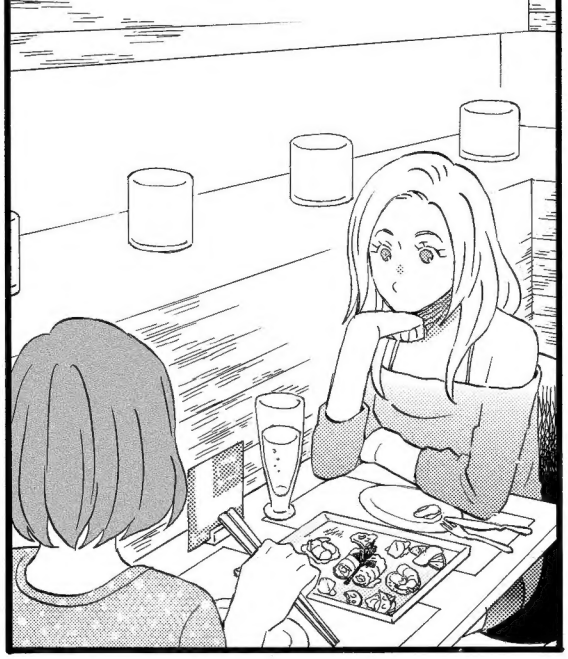

...SO THAT'S THE PLAN YOU CAME UP WITH.
THAT'S WHY I TOLD THEM I'D GIVE BIRTH TO SHIROU'S CHILD AND LEAVE THE BABY IN THEIR CARE AFTER THAT...
REALLY, I'D HATE TO BECOME YOUR ENEMY...
I THOUGHT THAT'D TROUBLE THEM.

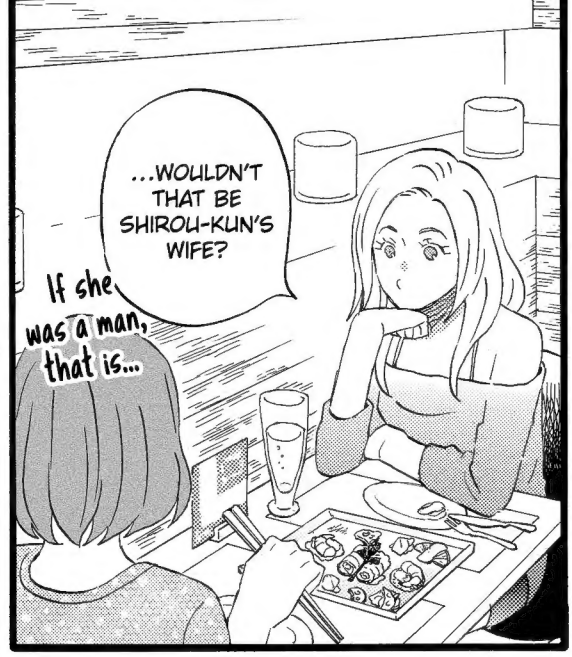

YEAH. IF YOU'RE GOING TO DEVOTE SO MUCH TIME TO THIS...
WELL... I DID THIS BECAUSE I WAS BORED, SO I DON'T THINK I'LL KEEP UP THE PREGNANCY ACT FOR MUCH LONGER...
YOU MIGHT AS WELL MARRY SHIROU-KUN FOR REAL.

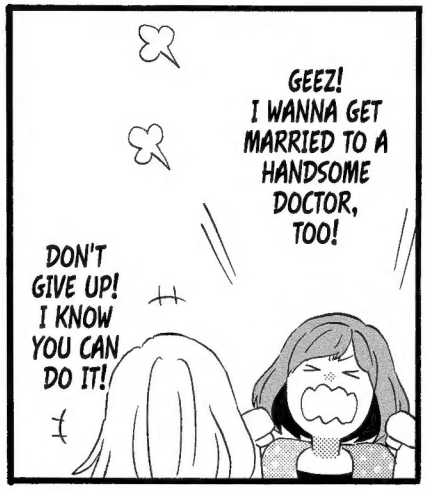

...THE PROBLEM IS, IT DIDN'T SEEM TO BOTHER THEM AS MUCH AS I EXPECTED...

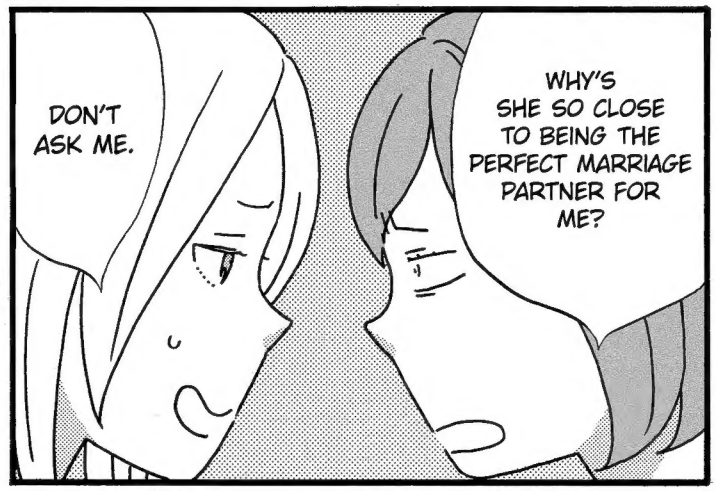

...
TODAY'S SIDE DISHES
·CHILI SHRIMP
·CREAM STEW WITH CHICKEN
SOMEONE HANDSOME, OF HIGH SOCIAL STANDING, WHO EARNS A LOT OF MONEY AND ALLOWS ME TO BECOME A FULL-TIME HOUSEWIFE...
Oh, and also...


WHAT KIND OF GUY WOULD BE IDEAL?
...UGH! I WISH SOMEONE NICE SHOWED UP IN MY LIFE...
C'mon, tell me about it!
HMM...

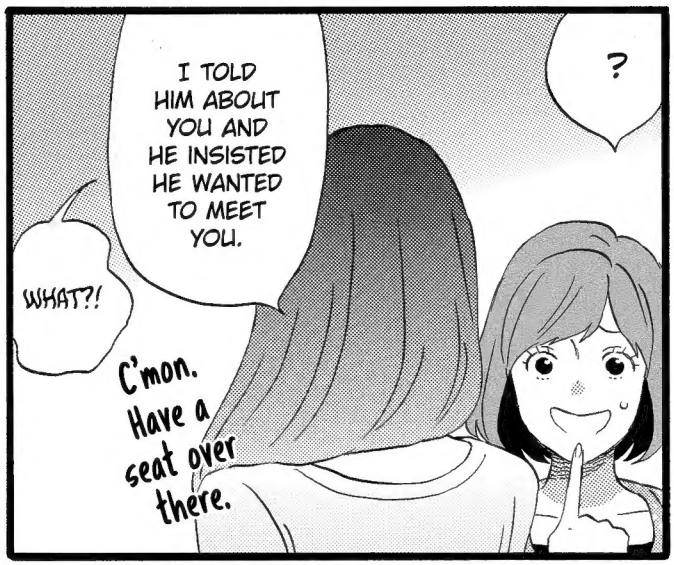



...WOULDN'T THAT BE SHIROU-KUN'S WIFE?
If she was a man, that is...


GEEZ! I WANNA GET MARRIED TO A HANDSOME DOCTOR, TOO!
DON'T GIVE UP! I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!


DON'T ASK ME.
WHY'S SHE SO CLOSE TO BEING THE PERFECT MARRIAGE PARTNER FOR ME?

MY NAME IS SAIGA. I'M A COLLEAGUE OF ISHIMURA-SENSEI. IT IS NICE TO MEET YOU.
OH. GOOD EVENING.


I TOLD HIM ABOUT YOU AND HE INSISTED HE WANTED TO MEET YOU.
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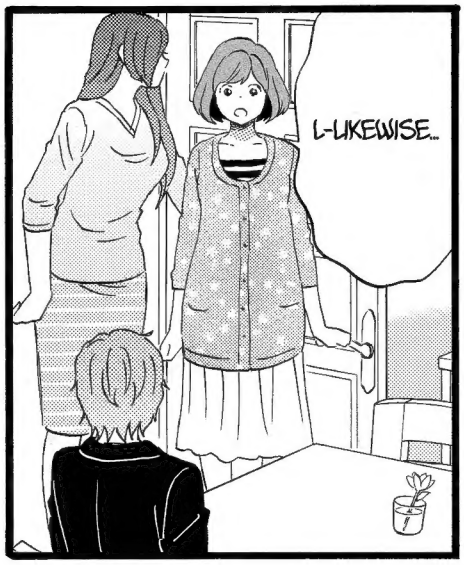
WHAT?!
C'mon. Have a seat over there.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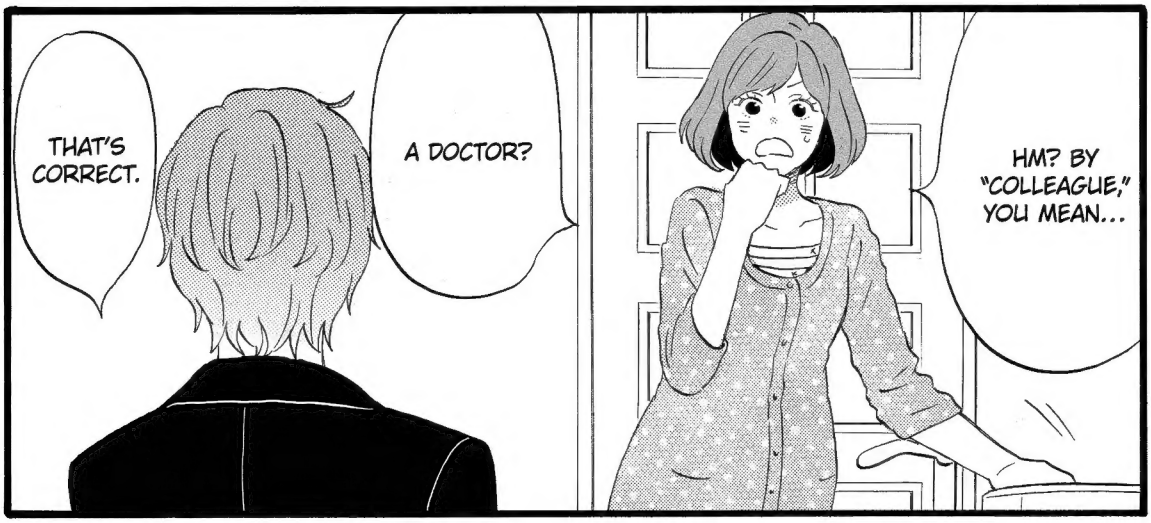
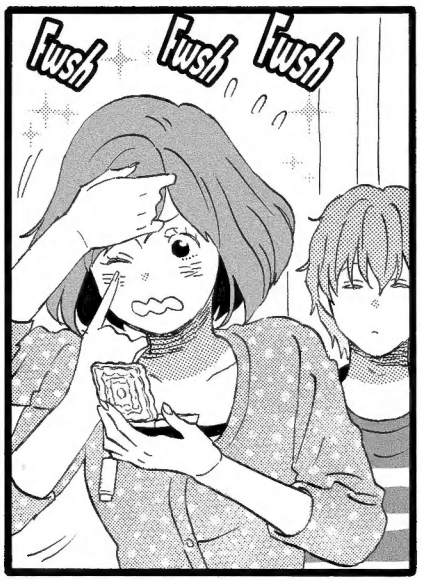

THAT'S CORRECT.
A DOCTOR?
HM? BY "COLLEAGUE," YOU MEAN...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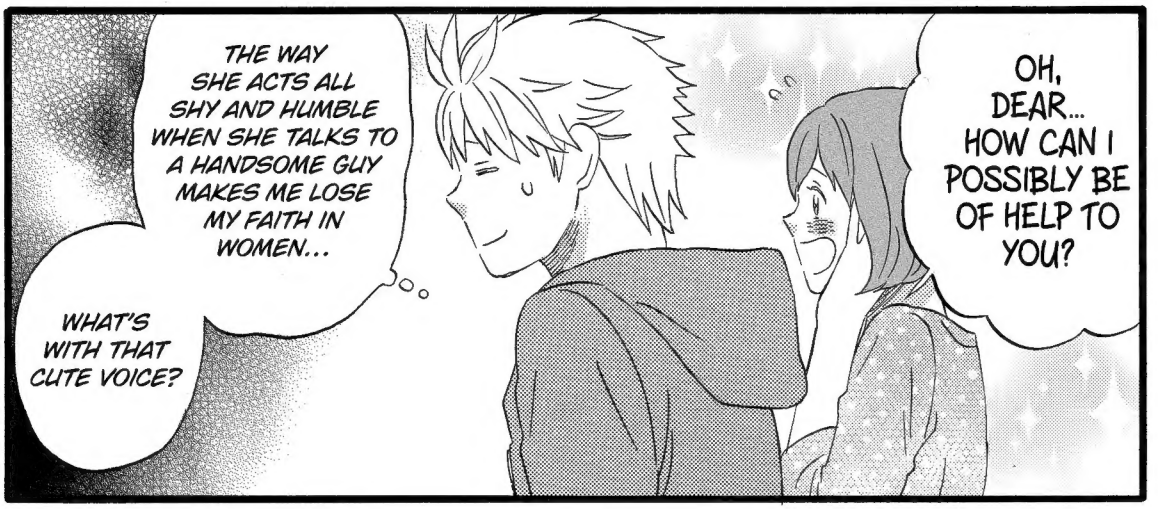
HE'S REALLY HANDSOME, TOO...!!
Smile
Smile


THE WAY SHE ACTS ALL SHY AND HUMBLE WHEN SHE TALKS TO A HANDSOME GUY MAKES ME LOSE MY FAITH IN WOMEN...
WHAT'S WITH THAT CUTE VOICE?
OH, DEAR... HOW CAN I POSSIBLY BE OF HELP TO YOU?

GRAB!
WHOA!

...AND I HONESTLY DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE SAYING THESE THINGS TO SOMEONE I'VE JUST MET. HOWEVER...
YOU ARE AN ADULT WOMAN...
Clatter

Ouch, ouch, It hurts...!
I'VE COME TO SCOLD NOT ONLY THIS DUMBASS, BUT ALSO YOU.

YOU'RE STILL MENTALLY AN INFANT. I KNOW A GOOD KINDERGARTEN, IT COULD BE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR YOU.

NO, BUT IN ALL SERIOUSNESS...

YOU ONLY NEEDED A SMIDGEN OF COMMON SENSE, BUT EVEN THAT WAS, PERHAPS, TOO MUCH TO ASK.

IT'S BEYOND ASTONISHING, IN FACT.

FRANKLY, I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER MET SOMEONE SO DUMB IN MY LIFE.

I'M AMAZED THAT YOU'VE MANAGED TO LIVE YOUR LIFE SO SELFISHLY UP UNTIL NOW.

IN FACT, NOT JUST AS AN ADULT, BUT AS A HUMAN BEING... DON'T YOU FEEL ASHAMED? EVEN I, WHO HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SITUATION, AM EMBARRASSED.

HONESTLY, THERE IS SOMETHING CLEARLY WRONG WITH YOUR HEAD. YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER, YET YOU GOT PREGNANT BY ACCIDENT AND ENDED UP CAUSING TROUBLE FOR PEOPLE UNRELATED TO YOU.

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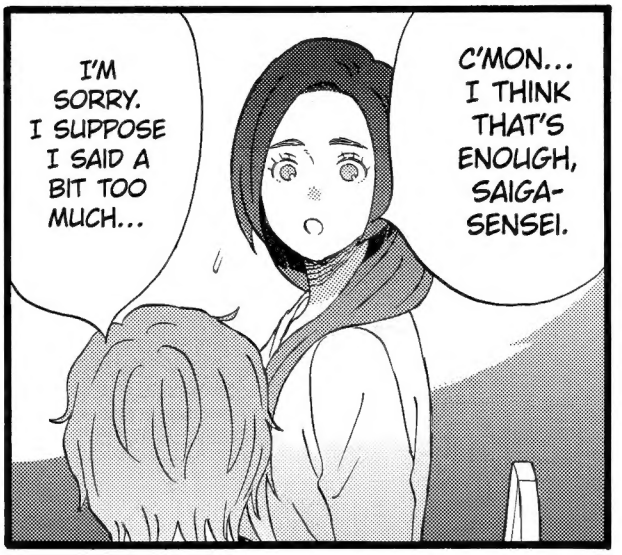
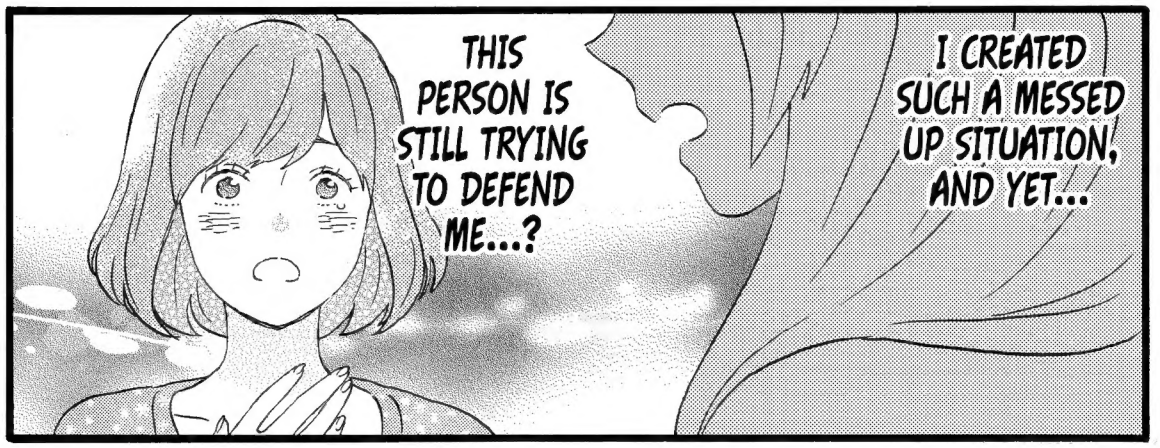
MOREOVER, AS AN ADULT, HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY GIVE BIRTH TO A CHILD AND LEAVE EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS AFTER TO SOMEONE ELSE?

I...
WELL... THOSE TWO ARE ADULTS, SO...


I'M SORRY. I SUPPOSE I SAID A BIT TOO MUCH...
C'MON... I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH, SAIGA-SENSEI.


THIS PERSON IS STILL TRYING TO DEFEND ME...?
I CREATED SUCH A MESSED UP SITUATION, AND YET...

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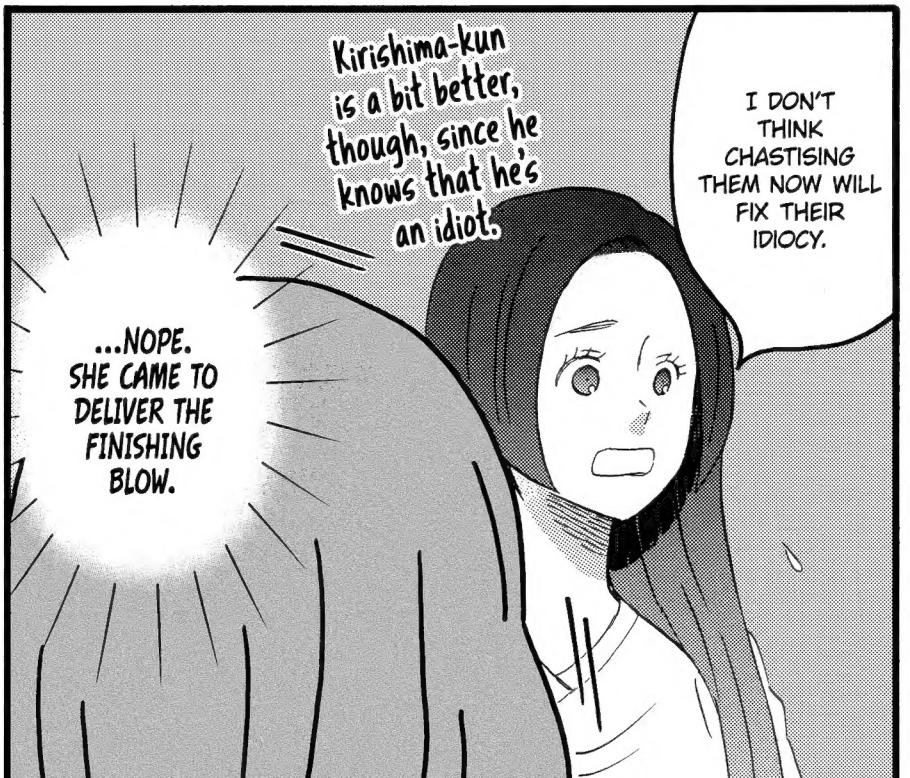
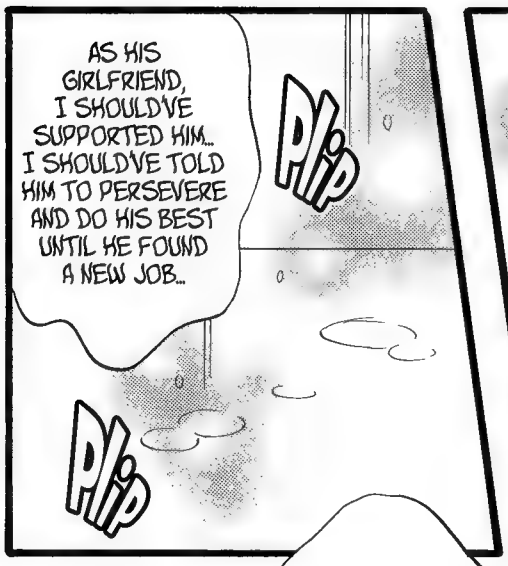
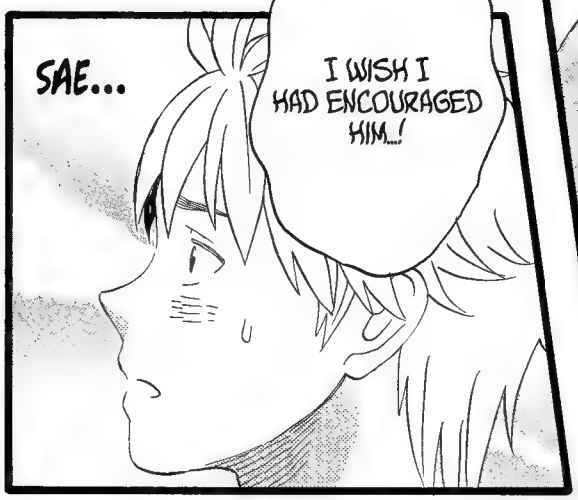

Kirishima-kun is a bit better, though, since he knows that he's an idiot.
I DON'T THINK CHASTISING THEM NOW WILL FIX THEIR IDIOCY.
...NOPE. SHE CAME TO DELIVER THE FINISHING BLOW.

I MEAN...
Tear...

Bang!
EVEN I KNOW THIS IS COMPLETELY DUMB!!


AS HIS GIRLFRIEND, I SHOULD'VE SUPPORTED HIM... I SHOULD'VE TOLD HIM TO PERSEVERE AND DO HIS BEST UNTIL HE FOUND A NEW JOB...
Plip
Plip


SAE...
I WISH I HAD ENCOURAGED HIM...!

ALL THIS TIME, I'D BEEN WONDERING WHY SHIROU HAD SIMPLY DISAPPEARED FROM MY LIFE AFTER BEING LAID OFF!
Sob
AND I ALWAYS, ALWAYS REGRETTED MY STUPID DECISION TO LEAVE HIM!
Sob

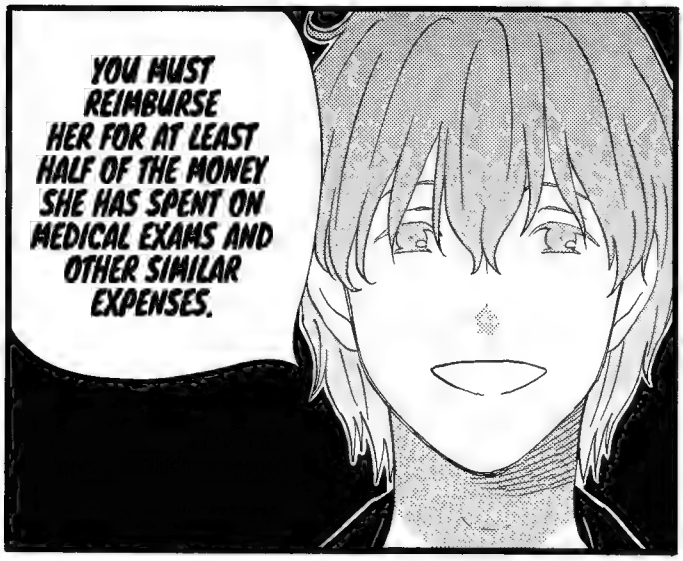
BUT I COULDN'T DO IT...

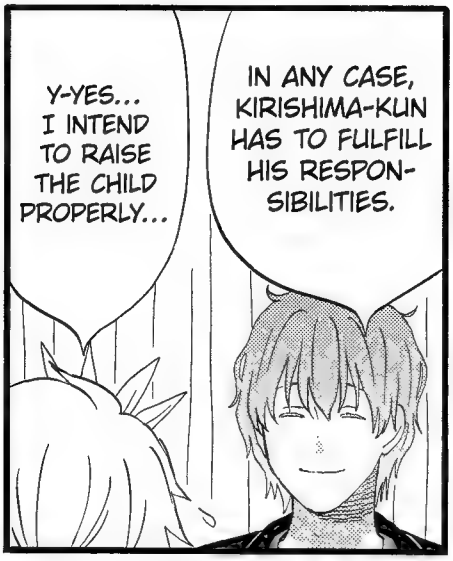
but I need money, too!

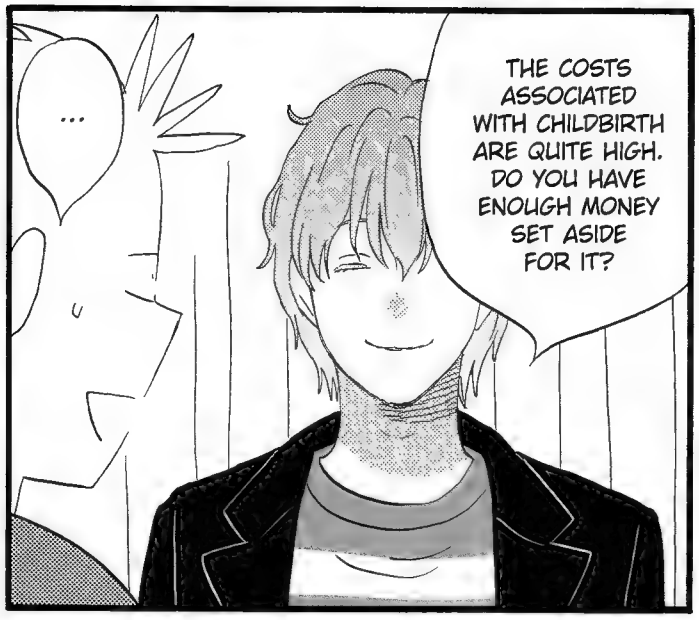
Love is important...

AFTER ALL... EVEN THOUGH I LOVED HIM, I COULDN'T STAND LIVING WITH AN UNEMPLOYED BOYFRIEND!!

YEAH, I GET IT... I GET THAT MAYBE YOU DIDN'T LOVE ME ALL THAT MUCH...
SORRY, BUT ALL THE MONEY I EARN BELONGS TO ME!
Waa aah!
EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY TEMPORARY, I COULDN'T SUPPORT SHIROU WITH MY MONEY!


YOU MUST REIMBURSE HER FOR AT LEAST HALF OF THE MONEY SHE HAS SPENT ON MEDICAL EXAMS AND OTHER SIMILAR EXPENSES.


Y-YES... I INTEND TO RAISE THE CHILD PROPERLY...
IN ANY CASE, KIRISHIMA-KUN HAS TO FULFILL HIS RESPON-SIBILITIES.


...
THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CHILDBIRTH ARE QUITE HIGH. DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY SET ASIDE FOR IT?

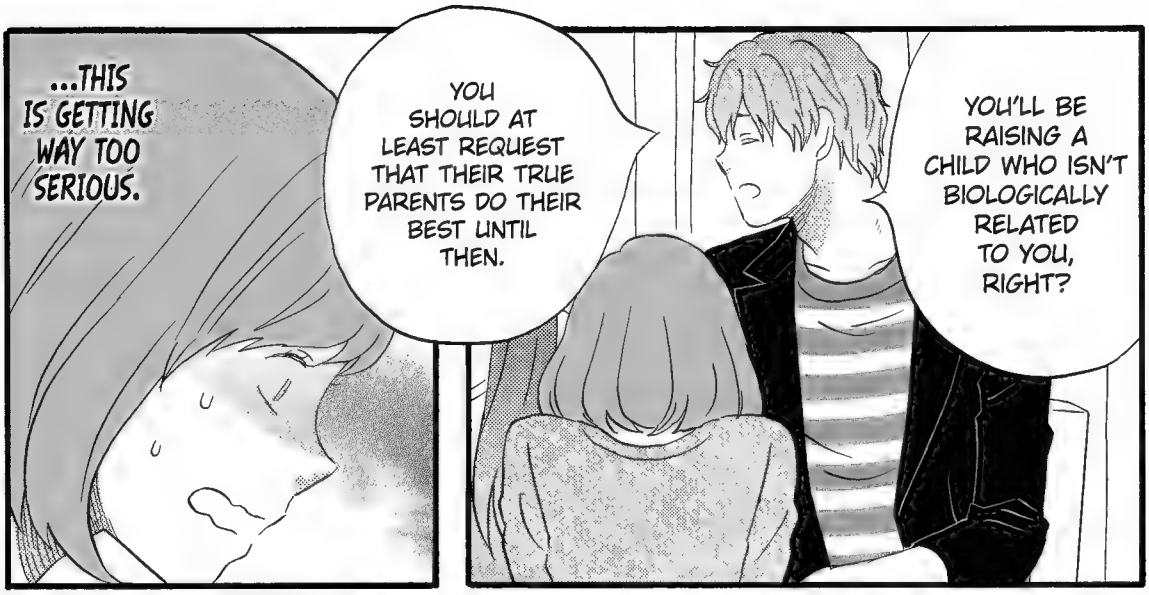
(again)
GRAB!
SURELY YOU DON'T INTEND...

HA HA HA!
NO, I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE SAVED ENOUGH...

...UHH... HA HA HA! O-OF COURSE NOT...
TO ASK ISHIMURA-SENSEI, WHO HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS, TO PAY FOR THOSE EXPENSES, DO YOU?

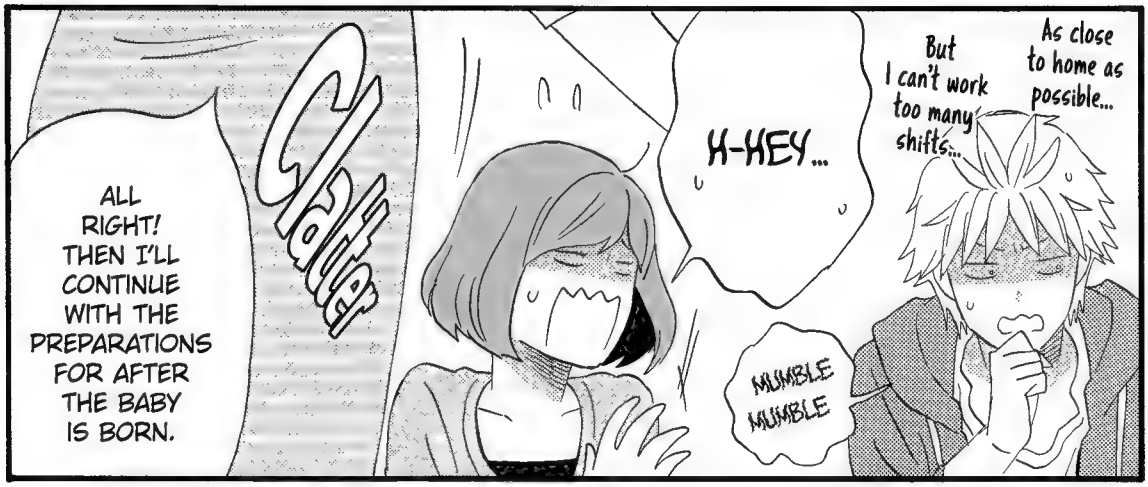
THE PERSON WHO CAUSED THE INCONVENIENCE SHOULD SOMEHOW BE ABLE TO PAY FOR IT UNTIL THE BABY IS BORN.
EVEN IF YOU'RE WILLING TO COVER THE COSTS OF RAISING THE CHILD...

NO, NO... YOU CAN'T DO THAT.
I DON'T MIND IT, THOUGH. IF HE'S RAISING THE CHILD HERE, I INTEND TO TAKE ON PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL.

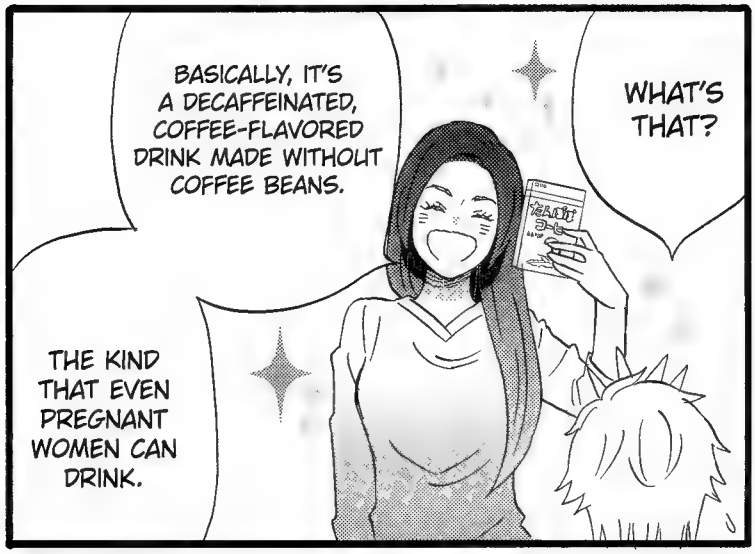

...THIS IS GETTING WAY TOO SERIOUS.
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST REQUEST THAT THEIR TRUE PARENTS DO THEIR BEST UNTIL THEN.
YOU'LL BE RAISING A CHILD WHO ISN'T BIOLOGICALLY RELATED TO YOU, RIGHT?

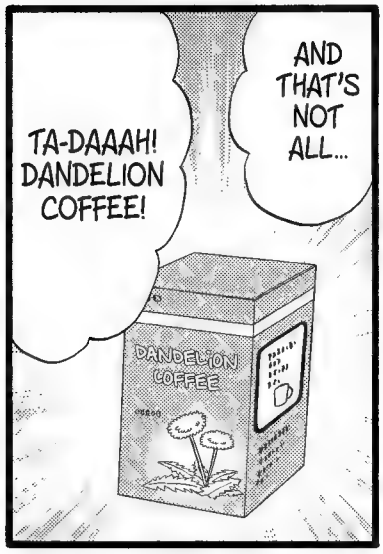
EEK!
I'LL GET A PART-TIME JOB...

I NEED TO APOLOGIZE QUICKLY BEFORE THINGS GET OUT OF HAND...
U-
UM...


ALL RIGHT! THEN I'LL CONTINUE WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR AFTER THE BABY IS BORN.
Clatter
H-HEY...
MUMBLE MUMBLE
But I can't work too many shifts...
As close to home as possible...

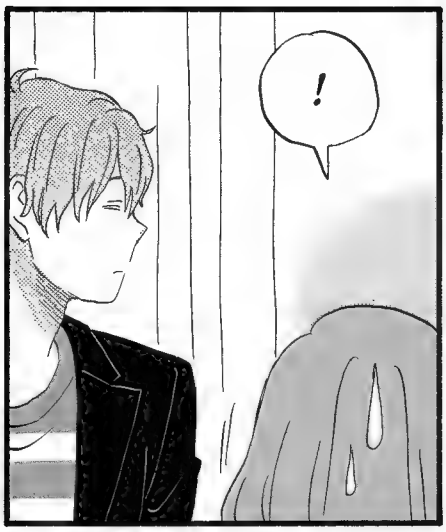
I BOUGHT A BUNCH OF FABRIC SO I CAN MAKE A LOT OF BABY CLOTHES!
LOOK AT THIS BOOK! ISN'T IT CUTE?!
BABY CLOTHES
AGES 0-3
EEEEK...!
I'm looking forward to it!


BASICALLY, IT'S A DECAFFEINATED, COFFEE-FLAVORED DRINK MADE WITHOUT COFFEE BEANS.
WHAT'S THAT?
THE KIND THAT EVEN PREGNANT WOMEN CAN DRINK.


TA-DAAAH! DANDELION COFFEE!
AND THAT'S NOT ALL...
DANDELION COFFEE

Silence...

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK. SIT BACK AND RELAX UNTIL THEN, YOU TWO.
SAE-SAN, YOU SHOULD HAVE A CUP OF THIS, THEN TAKE A BATH AND GET SOME REST.
THEN I GUESS I'LL PREPARE THE BATH.
SHOULD I TRY MAKING IT NOW?
TMP
TMP
TMP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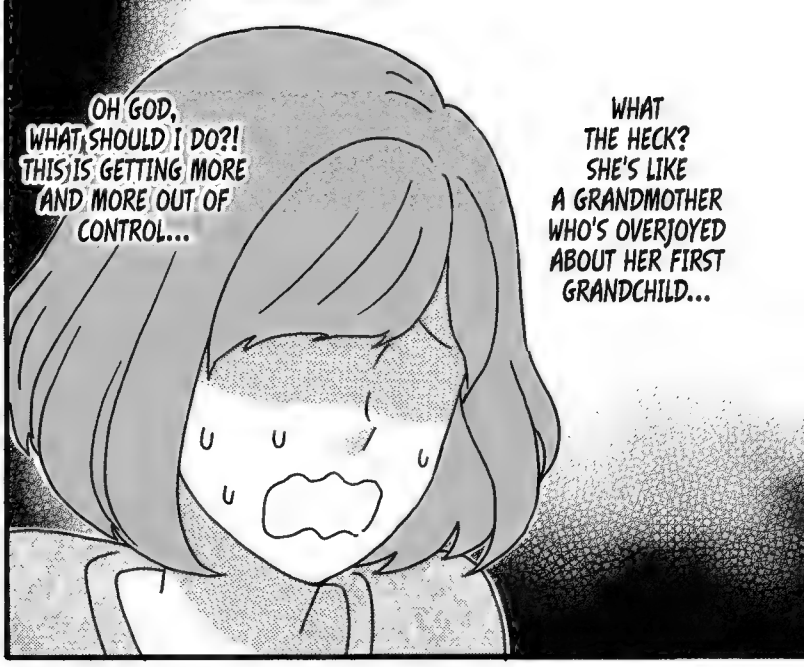
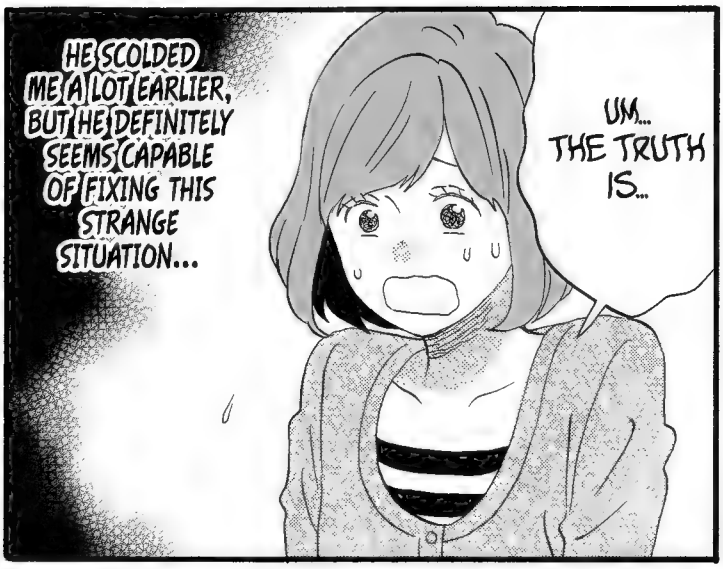
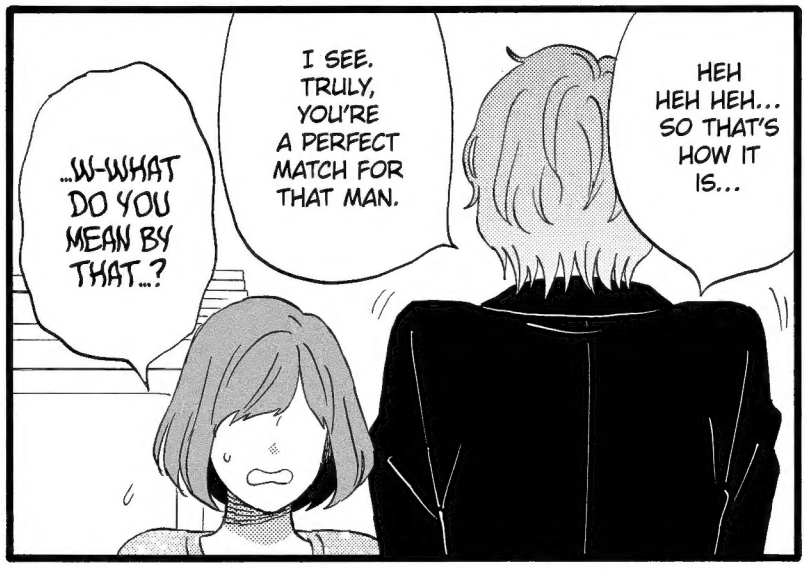

OH GOD, WHAT SHOULD I DO?! THIS IS GETTING MORE AND MORE OUT OF CONTROL...
WHAT THE HECK? SHE'S LIKE A GRANDMOTHER WHO'S OVERJOYED ABOUT HER FIRST GRANDCHILD...


HE SCOLDED ME A LOT EARLIER, BUT HE DEFINITELY SEEMS CAPABLE OF FIXING THIS STRANGE SITUATION...
UM... THE TRUTH IS...

YES?
U-UM...! SAIGA-SAN.

I LIED ABOUT BEING PREGNANT...!

I DEFINITELY DIDN'T EXPECT THEM TO ACCEPT IT OR AND INVITE ME TO LIVE WITH THEM...
I JUST WANTED TO PLAY A LIGHT PRANK ON THEM... AND CAUSE THEM A LITTLE TROUBLE.


...W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT...?
I SEE. TRULY, YOU'RE A PERFECT MATCH FOR THAT MAN.
HEH HEH HEH... SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...

HEH...

Tap
Clatter
IF YOU WANT TO CAUSE THEM TROUBLE, THEN...

WHY DON'T YOU TURN THAT LIE INTO THE TRUTH...
AND HAVE A CHILD WITH KIRISHIMA-SAN?
IF YOU HAVE THE CHILD AT MY HOSPITAL, I CAN COME UP WITH AN EXCUSE SOMEHOW.
THE ESTIMATED DATE OF DELIVERY WILL BE OFF, BUT...
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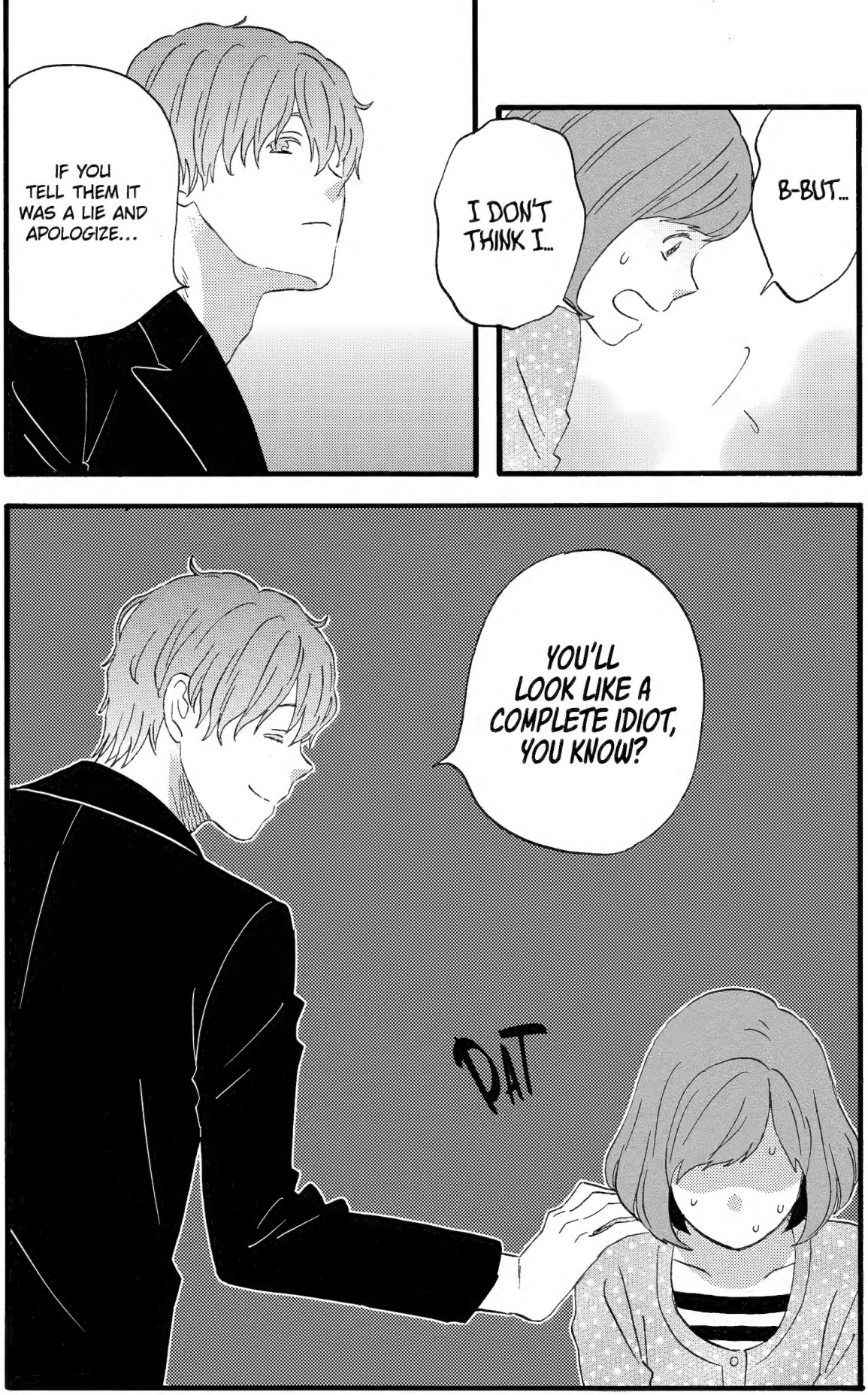
IF YOU TELL THEM IT WAS A LIE AND APOLOGIZE...
I DON'T THINK I...
B-BUT...
YOU'LL LOOK LIKE A COMPLETE IDIOT, YOU KNOW?
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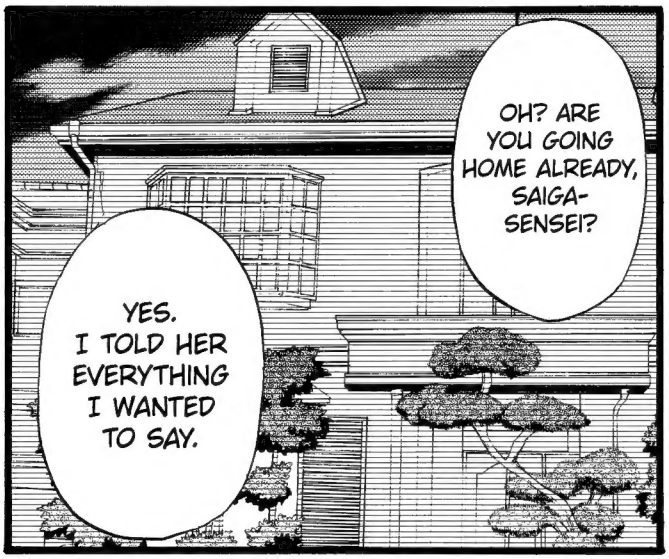
OH? ARE YOU GOING HOME ALREADY, SAIGA-SENSEI?
YES. I TOLD HER EVERYTHING I WANTED TO SAY.

PLEASE CONTACT ME ONCE YOU BECOME PREGNANT.
SLIP
I'LL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HELP YOU HAVE YOUR BABY IN OUR MATERNITY WARD.

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